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## **Fitness Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Completion of the Fitness Center provided by the Little Jason Childhood Cancer Foundation and its Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting.

The Little Jason Childhood Cancer Foundation (LJCCF) board members and little Jason himself attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Cleveland's Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital today. The Foundation, in keeping with their mission to bring "relief to families ....as they do battle with cancer" donated a Fitness Center complete with commercial grade Precor exercise equipment. Located on the pediatric cancer floor, the Elliptical Rider, Treadmill, and Recumbent Bike are each equipped with individual flat screen TV's and are surrounded by murals painted by Color Your Corner. The Fitness Center was donated to provide parents a place to exercise in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle and deal with the stresses associated with having a child fighting cancer.



The exercise room was the brainchild of Jason Kolecki, father of Little Jason. In 2008 Jason and his wife Lisa, spent four long months on the pediatric cancer floor at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital when their oldest son, then just three years old, was diagnosed with leukemia. While their main focus was being with Little Jason during his treatment, they also knew it was important to take care of themselves during this grueling time. Reflecting back on their experience, a fitness center easily accessible to parents and caregivers was an obvious solution to this dilemma.



In creating the Little Jason Childhood Cancer Foundation, Jason and Lisa have dedicated their efforts to helping families as they fight cancer. Past events include a "Christmas in July" toy distribution to pediatric patients as well as donations to the pediatric cancer floor toy room. Next up, LJCCF is looking to provide a weekly catered meal to families on the floor. "During our experience with Little Jason, we were told to make sure we take time to eat in order to maintain a healthy level of nutrition. That sounds easy but as a parent whose child is fighting cancer, leaving his bedside to go get a meal was even difficult," Jason explains. The Meal program, by providing catered meals to the pediatric cancer floor, will allow the family members a chance to receive a full meal without having to leave the pediatric cancer floor where their child is receiving treatment.

To find out more about this non-profit 501(c)(3) charity or to make a tax deductible donation, please visit [www.littlejason.org](http://www.littlejason.org).

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